

FIRE ALARM WHISTLE

COMPRESSED AIR WILL PROBABLY BE USED.

Monthly Meeting of the Department—The New Truck to Go Into Service.

The Fresno Volunteer Fire Department held its regular monthly meeting at the city hall last night. There was a good attendance and Chief Hart presided.

Mr. Bilby, foreman of the hook and ladder company, reported that the company had unanimously selected W. J. McDonald as candidate for the position of fireman on the new truck. Upon motion of Les Winchell, the action of the committee was endorsed by the department.

The appointment lies with the city trustees. The endorsement by the fire department is a valuable recommendation. The new truck will be put into service as the dry season is near at hand. The truck is so long that a man is needed to guide the hind wheels which are adjustable. In making a flying turn around a corner the tillerman has the dangerous task of guiding the rear part of the truck, and a slight misstep might lead to serious consequences.

Chief Hart reported that the reserve Sibley engine, which was damaged at the church house fire, has been repaired and will be ready for service in a few days. A new boiler has been put in and the engine repaired throughout. The pumps were thoroughly overhauled and repairs made where needed. It is now as good an engine as the department possesses.

The matter of proper means of fire escape in the city by electric power was brought up. The bell at the city hall does not make noise enough to wake the entire city, and many firemen have to depend on the whistles, especially the one at the water works. Chief Hart stated that he had spoken to J. J. Seymour, president of the water company, in regard to the matter. The water pumps will be run by electric power, but Mr. Seymour stated that there would be compressed air on hand to use for a whistle. He offered to furnish the air if the city would furnish the whistle. Mr. Hart was appointed a committee of one to confer with Mr. Seymour and the city trustees concerning the matter. The meeting then adjourned.

O'NEILL AT THE BARTON

HE SUCCESSFULLY PRESENTS "MONTE CRISTO."

A Play Which Deals in Exaggeration Yet Makes All Part Consistent.

A strong play, presented by a strong company, drew a small house at the Barton last night. Monte Cristo, as James O'Neill plays it, is a favorite with the people. It is peculiar in that it deals with exaggerated traits and characteristics, which, nevertheless are not so much overdrawn but that they fall within the range of possibilities, but entirely outside of probabilities.

The French author of the book from which the play is taken was not satisfied with his work, and he was not satisfied with the play. He was not satisfied with the play, and he was not satisfied with the play.

Mr. O'Neill has made such a success of the play that he is always late in presenting it to an audience. He makes it catch the gallery and underwrite those more critical from an intellectual point of view. The report was good, and several of the actors might have been considered the stars were it not that O'Neill was playing the greater character, and from necessity the other actors must be somewhat less than the star.

There was not much of a moral lesson to be taught, but that was no matter. The people got their money's worth as it was, and when O'Neill comes again, "Monte Cristo" he will have a better house.

PERSONAL

R. W. Croskey of Madera is in town. A. J. Eiler of Stockton is at the Grand Central.

Mrs. Will S. Scott is visiting relatives in Selma.

M. D. Hoffman was up from Selma yesterday.

Dillon L. Phillips of Hanford was in the city yesterday.

J. G. Ferguson of Clovis was in the county seat yesterday.

J. H. Niel of Reedley was in the county seat yesterday.

C. Froeger, formerly of Fresno but now of San Francisco, is in the city.

Miss Ada Oliver of Los Gatos is visiting in this city, the guest of Mrs. H. H. Hargrave.

Colonel H. Trevelyan has arranged to pay a visit to England next month and will leave Fresno next Saturday.

Fruit and Grain Markets. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Jobbing prices are as follows:

Apples—Fancy Moorpark 10c, choice 10c, fancy 9c, choice 8c, standard 7c, prime 6c.

Peaches—Fancy 5c, choice 4c, standard 3c, prime 2c, peeled in boxes 10c to 12c.

Prunes—Four sizes 4c, standard 3c, prime 2c, peeled in boxes 10c to 12c.

Barley—Fancy 5c, choice 4c, standard 3c, prime 2c, peeled in boxes 10c to 12c.

Wheat—Fancy 5c, choice 4c, standard 3c, prime 2c, peeled in boxes 10c to 12c.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

RUSSELL AND FRANK.

An Atlanta boy and his dog that Russell and Frank. Master Russell Hopkins, a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Hopkins, is a student in Hunter's School for Boys. Russell is a boy of unusual ability, and is thought much of by his fellow students. He is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins, and being the only child is, of course, greatly beloved by his parents.

Russell has one of the largest dogs in the city of Atlanta, and that dog at-



tracts attention everywhere. The dog and its master may be likened unto Mary and her famous little lamb, which, according to the story told by our fathers and grandfathers, used to follow Mary to school and everywhere else she went.

Frank, Russell's big brother, is a student in the same school, and the two boys are very close. No one has ever been in Hunter's school who Russell was there without passing Frank on the stairway. Like Mary's little lamb, he sleeps in the hall until Russell is ready to play with him and go to home.

The accompanying picture shows Russell and his dog Frank. What a genial look has Frank. There is no mean look of revenge lurking in his face, as in the faces of some dogs.

Master Russell is a bright young fellow and always stands high in his class.—Atlanta Constitution.

Just There. Five-year-old Nell was "playing cars" with some of the chairs in the nursery, when a visitor came in and unfortunately selected one of the cars belonging to the child.

Nell was disturbed. She surveyed the friend of the family for a moment in silence, and then said:

"Did you know, Miss Reed, this is a train of steam cars?"

"Ah, is it indeed?" inquired the visitor. "Very well, I should like to take a ride."

"This really seemed not to be wholly satisfactory. The other chairs in the room were comfortable for visitors, Nell knew, but they didn't match her 'train.'"

"Presently the little head of the visitor, with her little hands folded before her, said:

"Miss Reed," she asked hesitatingly, "where did you want to get off?"

"Oh, at New York," said the lady, with a smile.

"Well," said Nell in her sweetest tone, "this is New York where I'm stopping."

And so, fortunately that delicate little was seated upon, much to Nell's satisfaction.

A Sturdy Newbery. In front of a well known drug store, close to the bridge, may be seen every night and morning a bit of a newboy, hardly 9 years old, selling papers.

Youngster dispenses of his wares every night and 9 o'clock. He goes home at that hour, sleeps until daylight, and then starts down town in time to get the early morning papers. He remains at his stand until 8 in the morning, when he goes to school, studying until 4 in the afternoon. The little fellow seems not to mind his hard hours and labor a bit. To get his own words.

"You've got to use all your wits," he says, "and then you'll be a newsstand in Park row. Her instructions seem to give her every cent, whether it is made from selling papers or in running errands. The boy is bright, and he says that as soon as he is old enough he is going to enter one of the big department stores, where he hopes to rise from his lowly position to the top of the business."

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Jameison's Trial Resumed.

LONDON, March 24.—The trial of Dr. Jameison and fellow prisoners, charged with violating the prisoner's right to raiding the territory in the South African republic, was resumed in the police court this morning. Sergeant White of the Bechuanaland mounted police testified that he refused to join Jameison's expedition.

Colonel Grey had informed the troops that they were not going to fight for the Queen, but for the emperor of the British flag in South Africa. White also testified that Commissioner Newton sent him after Jameison with dispatches ordering Jameison to return.

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ORDINANCE NO. 320

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF Fresno, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Fresno, on the 26th day of February, 1895, and that the same is now in force and effect.

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